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NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 175  
3 August 1954

1. The following were present:

Mr. Kain  
Major Jacobson  
Lieut. Madden  
Major Malone

State  
Army  
Navy  
Air Force  
CIA (Chairman)  
CIA (Vice Chairman)  
CIA

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2. Key Personalities

The Chairman reported to the Committee on the results of a series of meetings held with representatives of BI and BR (refer to NIS Committee Meeting No. 174) for the purpose of developing a schedule, format, and procedures for the combined "Key Personalities" units of the NIS. Experience in the preparation of the one on the USSR indicated need for numerous changes in the format and procedures. The ability of BI to produce these in addition to the scheduled Sections 59 is limited without additional support. Therefore, the new proposed schedule has been modified to include 3 combined units under maintenance and six Sections 59 as follows:

<u>NIS</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Treatment</u>	<u>Deadline for Submission to D/B</u>
77 M	Panama	Key Personalities Unit	Aug 54
19	Hungary	Section 59	Oct 54
32	Arabian Peninsula	Section 59	Dec 54
13-I	East Germany	Section 59	Mar 55
93	Bolivia	Section 59	Mar 55
18 M	Czechoslovakia	Key Personalities Unit	Mar 55
3	France	Section 59	May 55
22	Rumania	Section 59	May 55
41 M	Korea	Key Personalities Unit	Jun 55

The recommended format for future combined biographical units comprises major categories under the headings: Political, Armed Forces, and Scientific. It was felt that the political biographies should be further broken down into sociological, political, and economic subcategories, as required, and the Armed Forces into Army, Navy, and Air Force biographies. Biographies will be

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arranged alphabetically within each subcategory. A complete alphabetical index will be necessary for reference purposes. In addition, it is felt that each subcategory should have an introduction setting forth the organizational positions held by the persons whose biographies are listed. In the event a person has significance in more than one category, his biography will appear under the category of major significance and his name under the minor category together with suitable cross reference. Because of many complications, photographs are not to be included.

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The proposed procedures have been made as simple as possible. An NIS staff member, [REDACTED] will coordinate the work. He will meet with representatives from the participating agencies to prepare name lists, eliminate duplication, allocate production responsibilities, and set deadlines for submission of the first drafts to BI in State. Before preparing these drafts analysts should consult the files in BI to obtain information not available in their own files. BI will edit the first drafts and return them to the originating agencies where smooth drafts will be prepared on mimeograph stencils and transmitted to BI for collating and mimeographing. The finished product will then be sent to D/B for review and publication.

The Committee agreed to nominate biographical representatives and approved the schedule, format, and general procedures with the provision that the working group may exercise reasonable flexibility in the application of these instructions.

### 3. Chapter I Production

The Chairman noted that the contributions for Chapter I on Denmark were due in CIA by 15 August, with subsequent Chapter I contributions due every other month thereafter. The Chairman urged that Chapter I production be rigorously maintained in accordance with scheduled requirements because of the pressing need for them at the higher command, staff, and planning levels of government. An advanced copy of the Chapter I on Iran had been sent to the National Estimates Board where it had received highly favorable comment. As an indication of the JCS views, the Air Force member said that the requirements of the 490 series for the JCS had recently been revised substantially along the lines of NIS Chapter I. In view of these apparently related requirements, the Chairman expressed the opinion that the Committee should examine the mutual production problems of the 490 series and NIS Chapter I with the object of augmenting Chapter I production.

### 4. F.O.A. Request for NIS

The Committee considered the requests from the Foreign Operations Administration for NIS which greatly expand F.O.A.'s requirements in terms of additional areas, chapters, and supplements. The Army and Air Force members

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voiced objections on the grounds of need-to-know to the release of Chapter VIII on the Soviet Bloc areas and to the release of any NIS elements on areas in which F.O.A. has no operations. Before taking final action, the Committee wished to determine whether or not F.O.A. receives the necessary NIS it requires on these additional areas through MSA channels. The Chairman agreed to investigate the matter and report to the Committee at the next meeting.

5. Contributions to Section 25

The Army member submitted a memorandum dated 9 July 1954 from the Chapter II coordinator setting forth requirements for contributions from State, Air Force, and CIA needed in the preparation of Section 25 (Urban Areas) which is the responsibility of the Office, Chief of Engineers. In the initial stages of the NIS program, Engineers established informal arrangements with these agencies, either to furnish contributions or to review the work done by the Engineers in light of the agencies' primary interests. As the NIS Program has progressed, G-2 has recognized increasing need for formalizing these requirements to ensure proper recognition and fulfillment of them.

To formalize these requirements it will be necessary for the Committee to change the present allocation of Section 25 from "Army" to "Army (with assistance of State, Air Force, and CIA)". Preparatory to this change it is necessary that the interested agencies concur in these formal requirements. The Chairman requested the State and Air Force members to obtain the views of their agencies and make report at the next meeting. He will determine the views of the Office of Operations, which is the component of CIA affected by these requirements.

6. Responsibility for Chapter VI on Bloc Areas

The Chairman read to the Committee a memorandum, dated 20 July 1954, from the Director of Central Intelligence regarding the transfer of allocation responsibilities for the production of Chapter VI on the Soviet Bloc areas, as follows:

*Refer Item 5 # 171*

"MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, NIS Committee

SUBJECT : Reallocation of Production Responsibility  
for NIS Chapter VI (Economic) on the  
Soviet Bloc Areas

Pursuant to provisions of NSCID No. 3 (approved 13 January 1948) responsibilities for production of those portions of NIS Chapters VI (Economic) on the Soviet Bloc areas which were formerly allocated to the Departments of State, Agriculture,

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and Interior have been transferred to CIA, effective 1 July 1954. The Departments of State, Agriculture, and Interior will retain responsibility for these NIS elements in all non-communist dominated areas. The production responsibilities of the Defense Agencies with respect to NIS Chapters VI are unaffected by this action.

/s/ Allen W. Dulles  
/t/ ALLEN W. DULLES  
Director"

7. Proposed Revision of Chapter IX Outline

The Chairman submitted copies of a proposed revision of the Outline and Outline Guide for Chapter IX (Map and Chart Appraisal) prepared under date of 3 May 1954 by the Chapter IX Coordinator in collaboration with the contributing agencies, together with modifications of these proposals submitted under date of 28 July 1954 by the Chief, Geographic Research, CIA in consultation with the Chapter IX Coordinator and the NIS Coordinator.

Essentially, the revision simplifies production requirements, eliminates unessential material, and merges into a new Section 91 related intelligence which now appears in two Sections 91 and 92. The proposed organization of Chapter IX follows:

Section 90: Essentially the same as the former Section 90 but more abbreviated.

Section 91: Combined former Sections 91 and 92 into one function, i.e., appraisal, description and recommendation as to use of maps.

Section 92: Maps to be bound as a section with a special index and a guide for users.

The Chairman requested the members to obtain the views of their agencies and report them to him as soon as possible.

8. Release of NIS to USIA

The Chairman referred to the report entitled "USIA Intelligence Survey" of 8 July 1954, advanced copies of which had been made available

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to the IAC agencies. Among other matters, this Survey recommends that the NIS (without qualification as to area or chapter) be approved for dissemination to the United States Information Agency as follows:

Washington: Should be readily available to all members of USIA except administrative employees.

Field: Should be readily available to PAO staff, according to area, except foreign nationals.

The report further stipulates that such dissemination is subject to USIA's meeting the originating agency's security standards for handling of classified material. It is also subject to whatever controls over dissemination and use of intelligence and information are imposed by the originating agency and, in the case of National Intelligence, the IAC.

The Chairman said he had been informed that the Director, USIA, had concurred in the report and that the DCI had approved the report for CIA. Formal notice to this effect together with official copies of the Survey are to be sent to the IAC agencies shortly. The NIS Committee has been requested to examine the question of NIS dissemination and make its recommendation to the IAC.

The members indicated they had not been able to obtain their agencies' views on this matter since the advanced copies of the Survey had not been circulated to the policy or security staffs. They were requested to press this matter so that the Committee could make its recommendations at the earliest moment. The Chairman pointed out that since the USIA had no existing capability to determine its intelligence requirements, it was necessary to rely upon the Survey's recommendations as the justification for the NIS.

9. Miscellany

A. In view of the general misunderstanding among contributors in regard to NIS maintenance requirements, the NIS staff has prepared a guidance memorandum which is to be sent to all contributors. Advanced copies of this memorandum (NIS Memo No. 20) were distributed to the members who were asked to make any comments to the Chairman by 9 August 1954, since it is to be distributed on 10 August 1954.

B. Copies of the first draft of the FY 1956 Production Schedule will be sent to the members for consideration at the next meeting.

C. In reply to a question from <sup>25X6A</sup> the Army member on the method of treatment for Chapters IV, V, and VI of [REDACTED] the Chairman said that the original State proposal which had been approved by the Committee called for it being produced as a supplement [REDACTED]

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Since a supplement<sup>25X6A</sup> is produced as a whole and not by individual sections, it follows that [REDACTED] should have similar treatment. It would be agreeable, however, to produce the sociological, political, and economic<sup>25X6A</sup> portions separately as annexes to the respective chapters of [REDACTED]. Any pressing requirements for individual sections should be fulfilled by State's working drafts as departmental intelligence.

D. The Army member noted that Army security procedures require the numbering of all NIS elements. He inquired whether this could not be done in the printing of these elements. The Chairman said he would inquire into this matter and report on it at a subsequent meeting.

E. The Army member raised a question on the boundary between Part I and Part II of NIS 94 (Brazil). Army is starting work on this area and requires a definitive demarcation. The Chairman replied that this matter was presently under study by the Cartographic Division, CIA and the Army Engineers preparatory to the development of a base map on the area.

10. The next meeting of the NIS Committee will be held at 1000 hours on Tuesday, 17 August 1954.



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